

THE "PENNIES FOR LINCOLN" FUND DRIVE EXPLANATION SHEET

WHAT:

This is a fundraising effort by Idaho school teachers and pupils. As a classroom activity, the collection of "Pennies for Lincoln" is encouraged in support of the teaching, celebration and recognition of the 200th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth on February 12, 1809.

WHO:

Sponsored by State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna and the Idaho Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission, all schools, teachers and classes are encouraged to participate. Each child is encouraged to bring Lincoln pennies or other spare change to class and deposit it in a collection jug.

WHEN:

The Fund Drive runs from Wednesday, October 1 through Friday, December 5, 2008 when classroom jugs should be turned into the principal's office. Principals are asked to convert the change to a bank check and send it to the Idaho Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission by December 15, 2008.

WHY:

The amazing story of Lincoln's special relationship to the Idaho Territory is told at <http://lincolnbicentennial.idaho.gov/>. In 1915 the wives of Civil War Union veterans donated the oldest Lincoln monument and statue in the Western United States to Idaho. It will be renovated and relocated from the parking lot of the Veterans' Home near Fort Boise, to a place of great prominence in front of the Statehouse. A rededication plaque and ceremony will recognize the efforts of Idaho's students and veterans in helping move the statue. The school collecting the most money will be asked to participate in the ceremony representing all Idaho elementary schools.

HOW WILL THE MONEY BE SPENT?

Funds collected will be used to:

1. Conserve the bronze statue and repair the base.
2. Move the statue and base to the new location.
3. Prepare the new site and build and landscape a new monument area.
4. Create and install a new rededication plaque.

5. Hold the rededication ceremony on February 12, 2009 at the new site.
6. Cover the costs of a high school essay contest and prizes.
7. Continue to move the Lincoln and Idaho Traveling Museum Exhibit to communities and schools throughout the State.
8. Assist in publishing a Lincoln and Idaho periodical for distribution in Idaho schools.
9. Make a donation to the Veterans Assistance Funds Program through the Idaho State Veterans' Home.
10. Cover costs and support other long-term projects of the Idaho Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission.

HOW TO HELP:

Follow the enclosed Instructions for Principals and Classroom Teachers to raise "Pennies for Lincoln"

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